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THE WORKERS PARTY

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

BELFAST BOMB ATTACKS: PUBLIC SHOULD VIEW THEM IN SAME LIGHT AS DUBLIN BOMBS SAYS DE ROSSA

The President of The Workers' Party, Proinsias De Rossa TD, has said that people in the Republic could not remain indifferent to the appallingly destructive bombing campaign now being waged by the Provisional IRA against the people of Belfast, and said that the attacks should be viewed down here with the same seriousness as if the bombs were being planted in O'Connell St or Grafton St in Dublin.

Deputy De Rossa called for improved liaison between the security forces on both sides of the border, and he urged people in the Republic who might have information about the activities of the Provisional IRA to co-operate with the garda authorities.

"These attacks are designed not just to destroy property and jobs, but to terrorise and demoralise the people of Belfast. It is miraculous that nobody has been killed so far in these attacks, but if they continue it will be only time before we will see a catastrophe with massive injury and loss of life. When that happens there will, no doubt, be the usual hypocritical expressions of regret by the Provisional IRA and their political supporters."

"Those who believed that the Provisionals or some elements within the organisation were about to embark on a political road must now be very disillusioned indeed. The Provisionals are again concentrating on the only road they know - wreaking death and destruction."

"Against this background it is more urgent than ever that the democratic politicians should come together and restart the process of dialogue and discussion which is the first essential step to the isolation and defeat of terrorism and the establishment of peace in Northern Ireland", Deputy De Rossa said.

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